

Arlington High School Library

Author Biographical Sources

STUDENT NAME:

Author Name _____

Birth Date _____

Death Date _____

Print Resources

USE THE FOLLOWING INDEXES which refer you to individual titles:

Contemporary Authors

Wilson Author Series Index

OTHER SOURCES

- REF 920
GLO About the Author - the passionate reader's guide to the authors you love. Profiles 125 fiction authors from all major genres, including horror, fantasy, techno-thrillers, romance, historical romance, western, adventure, mystery, and science fiction.
- REF 920.073
AME American National Biography – deceased Americans whose life or career influenced the course of American history.
- REF 810.9
AME American Writers – biography, source of principal writings, an assessment of the subject's work as a whole, and a bibliography.
- REF 920 AUT Authors and Artists for Young Adults – Biographies of both artists and authors.
- REF 920.03
CUR Current Biography – worldwide scope of influential people living after 1940
Use the index to find the annual volume needed.
- REF 810.9
CYC Cyclopedia of Young Adult Authors – 3 volume set with author's biographies and information about their most important works.
- REF 810.9 AME American Ethnic Writers – 3 volumes of biographical profiles and discussions of their major works.
- REF 810.9
AME American Women Writers: a critical reference guide from colonial times to the present.
4 volumes.
- REF 810.9
MAG Magill's Survey of American Literature – 8 volume set. Biographies and criticisms.
- REF 920.03
WOR World Authors 1990-1995; World Authors 1995-2000; World Authors 2000-2005 -
Biographical articles about novelists, poets, dramatists, essayists, and other authors who have published significant work in the periods 1990-1995, 1996-2000 or 2000-2005.

Databases : <http://www.teacherweb.com/ny/arlington/msmclane/apt3.aspx>

Discovering Collection – In Basic Search, enter author’s name. Look for “Narrative Biography” or “Critical Essay.”

Novelist - a fiction database that provides annotations of fiction titles. It can be used to decide which book you want to read. It also includes book discussion guides, booktalks, and annotated book lists.

Periodical Databases (Magazines and Newspapers) on Computer

Electric Library – very current, keyword search – search by name and other keywords like ‘life’ or ‘interview.’ Can limit search results to magazines and newspapers. In Advanced Search, you can limit the search to “Scholarly” journals.

Proquest Online – Magazine and newspaper search. Under ‘Advanced’ search, you can search for a person, subject, company etc. Also has Full Text and Scholarly search limiters.

ProQuest Historical Newspapers – New York Times from 1851 – 2007. Good for newspaper articles about some authors, published during their lifetimes. Search by name and date or decade of major achievement. Obituaries can be found under “Famous Dead People” link.

Literary Criticism Sources

Twayne Author Series – Database under Gale Group. Full text books. First chapter is biographical, remainder of book is literary criticism.

- REF 809.3 **Critical Survey of Long Fiction.** 10 volumes, 678 novelists. Salem Press, 2010. The focus of this set is on their most important works of long fiction. **This is also available as an E-Book.**
CRI
- REF 809.3 **Twentieth Century Novels: the First Decade.** 3 Volumes. Examines 113 works published from 2000-2009. Includes literary and historical context, themes, style and critical reception.
TWE
- REF 809.04 **Contemporary Literary Criticism (CLC)** Use separate index to find criticism of books by title. Check to see if the library has the volume number indicated.
CON
- REF 809.04 **Twentieth Century Literary Criticism. (TCLC)** Commentary on various topics in twentieth-century literature, including literary and critical movements, prominent themes and genres. Use the paper index and search by title to get the correct volume number.
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